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## CALIFORNIA STATE THREAT ASSESSMENT CENTER

### 24-HOUR REPORT

**15 DECEMBER 2017**

#### **(U) CALIFORNIA**

##### **(U) Los Angeles – Police Bust Multimillion-Dollar Marijuana Operation**

(U) Police in Southern California raided an illegal operation Wednesday seizing 35,000 marijuana plants and shutting down an operation they believe was bringing in millions of dollars a month. Investigators found the once-abandoned warehouse had been outfitted with a 12-foot metal rolling fence, fortified doors, a large concrete wall around the parking lot and surveillance cameras. Inside the four-story warehouse, police found thousands of plants stacked next to one another under heat lamps on wood tables and an advanced irrigation system. Police and federal investigators raided three properties and seized 18,000 pounds of marijuana. Eight people who were working in the warehouse were detained by police, but no charges have been filed.

SOURCE: 14 December 2017, [FOX 6](#)

##### **(U) Los Angeles – 16 Indicted in Connection to Heroin Delivery Service**

(U) More than a dozen people have been charged in connection with a pizza delivery-style drug ring out of Los Angeles that used a fleet of cars to fill telephone orders for heroin and cocaine. Authorities arrested 40-year-old Sigifredo Gurrola Barrientos, and seized 14 pounds of heroin. Six other people, who variously played roles like taking customer orders, coordinating deliveries, dispatched drivers, and purchased wholesale quantities of narcotics were also arrested.

SOURCE: 14 December 2017, [CBS Los Angeles](#)

##### **(U) Santa Barbara – State Firefighter Killed While Fighting Fire**

(U) A Cal Fire engineer was killed yesterday while battling the Thomas Fire in Southern California. San Diego-based fire engineer Cory Iverson died while working to turn back a fire that has burned more than 240,000 acres in Santa Barbara and Ventura counties. Iverson, 32, is survived by his 2-year-old daughter and his wife. He's the first professional state fire fighter to die while fighting a fire this year in what is shaping up to be a record-breaking season. Earlier this year, a Cal Fire contractor and two inmates assigned to firefighting crews were killed in three separate incidents.

SOURCE: 14 December 2017, [Sacramento Bee](#)

#### **(U) NATIONAL**

##### **(U) New York – Woman Accused of Using Bitcoin to Send Tens of Thousands of Dollars to ISIS**

(U) Long Island – A woman has been charged with stealing tens of thousands of dollars to send to ISIS fighters in Syria using Bitcoin. Zoobi Shahnaz, 27, is accused of giving banks phony financial information so she could get credit cards and a loan totaling value at more than \$85,000 before trying to send that money to ISIS overseas. Shahnaz was charged with bank fraud and money laundering to support a foreign terrorist organization. She appeared in court and has pled not guilty to the charges.

SOURCE: 14 December 2017, [NBC New York](#)

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**UNCLASSIFIED//FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY****(U) INTERNATIONAL****(U) Egypt – ISIS Threatens Attacks on US Over Jerusalem Decision**

(U) Cairo – ISIS has threatened attacks on US soil in retaliation for the Trump administration's decision to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel. In a message on one of its accounts on the Telegram instant messaging service titled "Wait for us" and "ISIS in Manhattan. ISIS was driven out of its Iraqi and Syrian capitals this year and squeezed into a shrinking pocket of desert straddling the border between the two countries.

SOURCE: 14 December 2017, [Reuters](#)

**(U) SOUTHWESTBORDER****(U) Arizona – Border Patrol Agents Arrest 11 Involved in Human Smuggling**

(U) Yuma – US Border Patrol agents assigned to the Yuma Sector's Integrated Targeting Team (ITT) stopped two vehicles and arrested 11 people connected to a human smuggling attempt. ITT agents observed seven suspected illegal immigrants get into two vehicles stopped along Interstate 8. Agents followed both vehicles until the California Highway Patrol stopped one of the vehicles for speeding. The driver was identified as a US citizen, and four of the passengers were illegal aliens from Mexico, one was an illegal immigrant from India. The second vehicle was stopped by agents who observed it dropping off three subjects in a field near Yuma. Agents apprehended the two occupants identified as one US citizen and one legal permanent resident from Mexico. Agents also apprehended the three subjects dropped off in the field, identified as two illegal immigrants from Mexico and one from Honduras.

SOURCE: 14 December 2017, [KYMA](#)

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